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School of Kinesiology

Graduate Student Handbook for Exercise Science Master of  
Science, Physical Activity and Health Master of Science, and  
Kinesiology Doctor of Philosophy



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## Graduate Student Rights and Responsibilities

### Rights

1. Graduate students have the right to information about degree requirements
2. Graduate students have the right to an advisor and/or mentor

3. Graduate students have the right to have their progress toward their degree objectively evaluated by appropriate faculty members
4. Graduate students have the right to expect reasonable training opportunities and the right to refuse to perform tasks that are not aligned with their academic or professional development or within the time frame of their assistantship
5. Graduate students have the right to co-authorship in publications involving significant contributions of ideas or research from the student
6. Graduate students have the right to reasonable confidentiality in their communications with faculty and staff
7. Graduate students have the right to due process in complaints and concerns (see Questions or Concerns section below)
8. Graduate students have the right to professional interaction from faculty, staff, and peers

### Responsibilities

1. Graduate students have the responsibility to read pertinent information on the [Auburn University Graduate School website](#), to accept an invitation for the Auburn University School of Kinesiology Graduate Student Canvas page and to read information on this page
2. Graduate students have the responsibility to regularly meet with their advisor/mentor
3. Graduate students have the responsibility to fulfill their teaching and/or research obligations to the best of their ability
4. Graduate students have the responsibility to attend required training opportunities
5. Graduate students have the responsibility to acknowledge contributions from faculty members and peers in their scholarly presentations and publications
6. Graduate students have the responsibility to familiarize themselves with the [Auburn University Code of Student Conduct](#)
7. Graduate students have the responsibility to interact with faculty, staff, and peers in a professional and civil manner
8. Graduate students have the responsibility to file complaints and concerns using the appropriate chain of command (see Questions or Concerns section below)

### Key Personnel

- Director of the School of Kinesiology: Dr. Mary Rudisill ([rudisme@auburn.edu](mailto:rudisme@auburn.edu))
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## Master of Science Programs

For Information About the Physical Education/Teacher Education Master of Science Program, contact Dr. Sheri Thornburg-Brock ([brocksj@auburn.edu](mailto:brocksj@auburn.edu))

## Exercise Science Master of Science Degree Requirements

1. Coursework (non-thesis: 33 credit hrs., thesis: 36 credit hrs.)
  - a. Biomechanics Concentration
    - i. KINE 7010 Research Methods in Physical Activity (3 credit hours)
    - ii. KINE 7620 Principles of Biomechanics of Human Movement (3 credit hours)
    - iii. KINE 7660 Biomechanics of Sport Injury and Rehabilitation (3 credit hours)
    - iv. KINE 7670 Lab Techniques in Biomechanics (3 credit hours)
    - v. KINE 7680 Advanced Physiology of Exercise I (3 credit hours)
    - vi. At least one motor behavior course
      1. KINE 7650 Advanced Motor Learning and Performance (3 credit hours)
      2. KINE 7730 Neuromotor Control (3 credit hours)
      3. KINE 7740 Advanced Motor Development (3 credit hours)
      4. KINE 7750 Advanced Sport Psychology (3 credit hours)
      5. KINE 7780 Exercise Motivation and Adherence (3 credit hours)
    - vii. Electives approved by advisor
  - b. Exercise Physiology Concentration
    - i. KINE 6600 Physiological Basis of Training and Conditioning (3 credit hours)
    - ii. KINE 7010 Research Methods in Physical Activity (3 credit hours)
    - iii. KINE 7620 Principles of Biomechanics of Human Movement (3 credit hours)
    - iv. KINE 7680 Advanced Physiology of Exercise I (3 credit hours)
    - v. KINE 7700 Advanced Physiology of Exercise II (3 credit hours)
    - vi. KINE 7710 Lab Techniques in Exercise Physiology (3 credit hours)
    - vii. At least one motor behavior course
      1. KINE 7650 Advanced Motor Learning and Performance (3 credit hours)
      2. KINE 7730 Neuromotor Control (3 credit hours)
      3. KINE 7740 Advanced Motor Development (3 credit hours)
      4. KINE 7750 Advanced Sport Psychology (3 credit hours)
      5. KINE 7780 Exercise Motivation and Adherence (3 credit hours)
    - viii. Electives approved by advisor
  - c. Motor Behavior Concentration
    - i. KINE 7010 Research Methods in Physical Activity (3 credit hours)
    - ii. KINE 7620 Principles of Biomechanics of Human Movement (3 credit hours)
    - iii. KINE 7650 Advanced Motor Learning and Performance (3 credit hours)
    - iv. KINE 7680 Advanced Physiology of Exercise I (3 credit hours)
    - v. KINE 7730 Neuromotor Control (3 credit hours)
    - vi. KINE 7740 Advanced Motor Development (3 credit hours)

- vii. KINE 7750 Advanced Sport Psychology (3 credit hours)
  - viii. KINE 7780 Exercise Motivation and Adherence (3 credit hours)
  - ix. Electives approved by advisor
2. Comprehensive Exam (non-thesis track only)
  3. Thesis (thesis track only)

#### Exercise, Performance, and Health Optimization Master of Science Degree Requirements

1. Coursework (non-thesis: 33 credit hrs., thesis: 36 credit hrs.)
  - a. Performance Concentration (study fitness, conditioning, and performance to work with athletes in coaching, personal training, or strength and conditioning)
    - i. KINE 6400 Exercise Prescription for Normal and Special Populations (3 credit hours)
    - ii. KINE 6600 Physiological Basis of Training and Conditioning (3 credit hours)
    - iii. KINE 7010 Research Methods in Physical Activity (3 credit hours)
    - iv. KINE 7630 Strength & Conditioning Preparation (3 credit hours)
    - v. KINE 7620 Principles of Biomechanics (3 credit hours)
    - vi. KINE 7680 Advanced Physiology of Exercise I (3 credit hours)
    - vii. KINE 7700 Advanced Physiology of Exercise II (3 credit hours)
    - viii. KINE 7750 Advanced Sport Psychology or KINE 7650 Advanced Motor Learning and Performance (3 credits)
    - ix. KINE 7820 Clinical/Non-Clinical Internship in Kinesiology (1 – 5 credit hours)—students may replace some internship hours with research hours, if approved by advisor
    - x. KINE 7970 Special Topics
    - xi. Electives approved by advisor
2. Comprehensive Exam (non-thesis track only)
3. Thesis (thesis track only)

#### How to Complete Master of Science Degree Requirements

1. Meet with advisor and choose advisory committee (thesis only)
  - a. Committee is composed of three members, two of whom must be Auburn University graduate faculty
2. Meet with advisor **each semester** to determine coursework and check progress toward graduation
3. Check progress toward degree with [DegreeWorks](#)
4. Check [Graduate School calendar](#) for deadlines **each semester**
5. Register for classes
  - a. Students must be fully admitted with final, official transcripts and degree confirmation sent to Graduate School
  - b. Note that assistantships do not cover distance courses
  - c. Note that financial aid does not cover all courses ([Student Financial Services webpage](#))
6. Thesis proposal (thesis only and only if requested by advisory committee)
7. One semester before graduation
  - a. Submit [Committee, Transfers, Exceptions, and Candidacy \(CTEC\) Form](#)
  - b. Submit Graduation Application (through AU Access > My Academics > Grad Application)

8. Final semester
  - a. Clear all holds, incomplete grades, and any financial obligations
  - b. Non-Thesis only
    - i. Pass final oral exam
  - c. Thesis only
    - i. Use the [Thesis and Dissertation Guide](#)
    - ii. Follow the [Master's thesis timeline](#)
      1. Complete Master's Thesis Final (oral) Examination
      2. Submit PDF of final Thesis on [AUETD](#)
  - d. Order regalia and participate in the commencement and graduation ceremonies
  - e. Join the Auburn University Alumni Association

## Doctor of Philosophy Program

### Kinesiology Doctor of Philosophy Degree Requirements

1. Coursework (60 credit hours **minimum**)
  - a. Please find helpful information about research-based coursework in Appendix A
  - b. 30 credit hours of graded (e.g., A, B, etc.) graduate coursework (6000-level and above)
  - c. 30 credit hours of additional (graded or ungraded) graduate coursework (6000-level and above) that **must include a minimum of 10 credit hours of KINE 8990 (dissertation)**
    - i. Students may distribute KINE 8990 credit hours across multiple semesters
    - ii. Students may register for KINE 8990 credit hours before passing their comprehensive exams but are advised to only begin registering for KINE 8990 during the semester when they will defend their oral comprehensive exams
      1. If a student has not passed their comprehensive exams and registers for fewer than 9 credit hours of KINE 8990, then they will need to register for GRAD 8AA0 to be considered a full-time student, which may be necessary for numerous reasons, such as to continue receiving financial aid, if they are an international student, and/or if they are receiving a student loan that they will have to begin repaying once they are no longer a full-time student. Note that the Graduate Tuition Fellowship that accompanies assistantships is not considered financial aid.
      2. To register for GRAD 8AA0, students must complete the [Loan Deferment Form](#)
      3. After a student passes their comprehensive exams, then they can register for fewer than 9 credit hours without registering for GRAD 8AA0, because the Graduate School will automatically enroll them in GRAD 6AA0
  - d. 9 credit hours in advanced research methods, laboratory techniques, and statistical techniques
  - e. 9 credit hours to gain advanced expertise in the appropriate emphasis areas
  - f. 9 credit hours in foundational coursework or a secondary field/emphasis area
  - g. 16 credit hours in coursework to enhance the ability to establish, interpret, disseminate and apply knowledge in kinesiology

- h. **The student's doctoral committee determines the coursework necessary for the student to successfully complete their dissertation research and to complete their degree.** Most students in the Kinesiology Ph.D. program complete more than 60 credit hours.
  - i. If students need to exceed 66 credit hours, please inform the Director of the School of the Kinesiology
  - i. Credit hours completed in Auburn University School of Kinesiology Master of Science programs may count toward Kinesiology Doctor of Philosophy degree requirements at the discretion of the student's mentor
- 2. Comprehensive Exam
  - a. Written
  - b. Oral
- 3. Dissertation Proposal
  - a. Written
  - b. Oral
- 4. Dissertation defense
  - a. Written
  - b. Oral

#### How to Complete Doctor of Philosophy Degree Requirements

1. Meet with advisor and choose advisory committee
  - a. Committee is composed of at least four members of the Auburn University graduate faculty, a majority of whom must be at Level 2
    - i. At least two members' primary appointment must be in the Auburn University School of Kinesiology, and at least one members' primary appointment must be outside the Auburn University School of Kinesiology
    - ii. No more than one member can be a non-Auburn University faculty member
2. Meet with advisory committee and have committee review plan for coursework, comprehensive exam, and dissertation
3. Check progress toward degree with [DegreeWorks](#)
4. Check [Graduate School calendar](#) for deadlines **each semester**
5. [Follow doctoral students' forms workflow](#)
6. Register for classes
  - a. Students must be fully admitted with final, official transcripts and degree confirmation sent to Graduate School
  - b. Note that assistantships do not cover distance courses
  - c. Note that financial aid does not cover all courses ([Student Financial Services webpage](#))
7. After at least 30 credit hours of coursework is complete, advisory committee reviews coursework and grades
  - a. If a majority of advisory committee votes that coursework has been satisfactorily completed, then student proceeds to comprehensive exams
  - b. A majority of the advisory committee may vote that coursework has not been satisfactorily completed
    - i. The committee may ask the student to take additional courses if the student's research focus has changed

- ii. The committee may ask the student to retake courses wherein the student received a grade lower than a B
  - c. The student's advisor does not vote unless they need to break a tie vote
  - f. If/when the advisory committee votes that coursework has been satisfactorily completed, then student submits [Committee, Transfers, Exceptions, and Candidacy \(CTEC\) Form](#)
8. Take written comprehensive exam
  - a. Questions and threshold for pass/fail is at the discretion of each committee member
9. Set date for oral comprehensive exam and submit [Request for the Report on the General Oral Examination](#)
10. Complete oral comprehensive exam
  - a. Advisory committee votes to allow the student to proceed as a Ph.D. candidate and approves Request for the Report on the General Oral Examination, which is automatically sent by the Graduate School, or retake comprehensive exam and/or complete more coursework if deemed appropriate
11. Send dissertation proposal to advisory committee, typically at least 2 weeks prior to oral defense of dissertation proposal
12. Schedule oral defense of dissertation proposal and ask appropriate personnel in School of Kinesiology administrative office to announce dissertation proposal time and location
13. Complete oral defense of dissertation proposal
  - a. Advisory committee votes to approve dissertation proposal, allowing student to begin proposed dissertation work, or advisory committee requests student to modify dissertation proposal before beginning proposed dissertation work
14. Submit Graduation Application (through AU Access > My Academics > Grad Application) one semester before graduation
15. Complete dissertation document using the [Thesis and Dissertation Guide](#)
16. Obtain initial approval of dissertation document
  - a. Typically, at least 2 weeks prior to oral defense of dissertation, send dissertation document to advisory committee and the University Reader, who must be Auburn University Graduate Faculty outside of the School of Kinesiology
  - b. Submit [First Submission Approval Form](#)
  - c. Submit PDF of your dissertation to [doctoral@auburn.edu](mailto:doctoral@auburn.edu) for format check
17. Once the Dissertation Evaluation Form is submitted to the Graduate School by the University Reader, who will receive the Dissertation Evaluation Form after the First Submission Approval Form is approved by the advisory committee, the student will be sent a link to a form requesting information for the Final Oral Examination
18. The student asks the appropriate personnel in School of Kinesiology administrative office to announce time and location of dissertation defense (Final Oral Examination)
19. Complete oral defense of dissertation, with all advisory committee members and University Reader present
20. Clear all holds, incomplete grades, and any financial obligations
21. Submit PDF of final Dissertation on [AUETD](#)
22. Submit [Survey of Earned Doctorates \(SED\)](#)
23. Order regalia and participate in the commencement and graduation ceremonies



## 24. Join the Auburn University Alumni Association

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the difference between a M.S. Thesis vs. a M.S. Non-Thesis?
  - a. The M.S. Thesis requires students to complete a thesis to graduate, whereas the M.S. Non-Thesis requires students to pass comprehensive exams
2. How do I change my curriculum (e.g., from a M.S. to a Ph.D. program, or from an M.S. Thesis to an M.S. Non-Thesis program)?
  - a. Complete a [Curriculum Change Form](#)
3. How can I be added to a School of Kinesiology course?
  - a. Join a drop-in Zoom meeting with an academic advisor
4. How can I be added to a School of Kinesiology course waitlist?
  - a. Complete the [waitlist form](#)

### Frequently Requested Coursework Links and Information

1. Frequently requested coursework links
  - a. [GRAD 6AA0 Thesis / Non-Thesis with Project Registration Request information](#)
  - b. The following courses do not require paperwork approval to be added:
    - i. KINE 7910 Practicum (1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours)
    - ii. KINE 8910 Practicum (ungraded, 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 9 credit hours)
    - iii. KINE 7950 Seminar (ungraded, 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 3 credit hours)
    - iv. KINE 8950 Seminar (ungraded, 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 3 credit hours)
    - v. KINE 7970 Special Topics (1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable with change in topic)
    - vi. KINE 8970 Special Topics (1 - 3 credit hours, repeatable with change in topic)
    - vii. KINE 7980 Research Project in Kinesiology (ungraded; 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours)
    - viii. KINE 8300 Research in Kinesiology (3 credit hours)
    - ix. KINE 8310 Supervision/Administration of Labs in Kinesiology (3 credit hours)
    - x. KINE 8320 Research Mentorship (3 credit hours)
    - xi. KINE 8980 Field Project (1 – 6 credit hours)
  - c. The following courses require paperwork approval by the first day of class ([Approval for Independent Study / Directed Readings form](#); [College of Education Supplement form](#); and a syllabus)
    - i. KINE 7900 Directed Studies (ungraded; 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 9 credit hours)
    - ii. KINE 8900 Directed Studies (ungraded; 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 9 credit hours)
    - iii. KINE 7930 Non-Thesis Research Project (ungraded; 1 – 6 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 6 credit hours)
    - iv. KINE 7960 Special Problems (ungraded; 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 3 credit hours)

- v. KINE 8960 Special Problems (ungraded; 1 – 3 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 3 credit hours)
- vi. KINE 8920 Internship (ungraded; 1 – 10 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 10 credit hours)
- vii. KINE 8930 Directed Field Experiences (ungraded; 1 – 10 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 10 credit hours)
- viii. KINE 8940 Directed Field Experiences (ungraded; 1 – 10 credit hours, repeatable for a maximum of 10 credit hours)

### Graduate Assistantship Policies

In the College of Education at Auburn University, there are three types of graduate assistant opportunities - [Graduate Teaching Assistantships](#), [Graduate Research Assistantships](#), and [Graduate Assistantships](#). A full appointment is typically considered to be 50% FTE. Each graduate student holding an assistantship must receive an appointment letter or other document specifying responsibilities, assessment processes, and consequences not meeting expectations.

**Graduate Teaching Assistantships.** Graduate Teaching Assistantship positions are funded by the department/school based on instructional need. Graduate students holding a 50% FTE position will typically be assigned as the instructor of record to deliver 6 credit hours of undergraduate teaching during each semester of the regular academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). Assignments may vary if course are oversubscribed or do not meet minimum enrollments as defined by the department's budgetary needs. To qualify as an instructor of record, a Graduate Teaching Assistant must have completed at least 18 hours of graduate coursework as specified in SACSCOC requirements. An exception is made for GTAs who teach PHED courses (see [SACSCOC 18-hr rule](#)). Funding for summer term teaching is the responsibility of the department/school. Accordingly, summer assignments are contingent upon instructional demand and the department's/school's capacity to operate in keeping with COE Summer Teaching Budget Guidelines. All assignments are made by the department head/school director and approved by the COE Director of Administration, Budgets, and Finance.

**Graduate Research Assistantships.** Graduate Research Assistantship positions are typically funded by external grants and/or contracts acquired by faculty members. In rare cases and with compelling justification and prior approval from the dean, a Graduate Research Assistantship may be funded by a department/school/college budget for a limited and pre-specified term. A standing exception is made for recipients of the *Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship* and the *Presidential Graduate Opportunities Program* award. For these awards, the department/school can use internal funds to support the unit's financial obligation if doing so aligns with sound budget oversight.

**Graduate Assistantships.** Graduate Assistantship positions are typically funded by external sources. Students holding these positions are assigned responsibilities based on the needs of the external funding agency. For example, East Alabama Health hires Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainers to provide services to high school athletes.

### Expectations of all Graduate Assistants in the COE, Including Kinesiology

- New graduate assistants must complete university, college, and department/school orientations as specified by the hiring unit.

- Graduate assistants at 50% FTE are expected to work 20 hours per week. The department/school may also offer other appointment options: • A 33% FTE appointment requiring 13-14 hours per week and provides a full tuition waiver.
- A 25% FTE appointment requiring 10 hours per week and provides a half-tuition waiver.
- For Graduate Teaching Assistants, the weekly work expectation includes class/meeting time, preparation time, and office hours.
- In general, graduate assistants should not be relegated to clerical or other duties more appropriate for hourly student workers. In some cases, an externally funded research assistantship may require some clerical duties as part of project management responsibilities for the grant or contract. In all cases, a graduate assistantship should contribute to the student's disciplinary and professional skills and knowledge.
- The term of service for a 9-month academic year Graduate Teaching Assistantship appointment (Fall and Spring semesters) starts on August 16 and ends on May 15. Fall-only appointments will start on August 16 and end on December 31. Spring-only appointments will start on January 1 and end on May 15. Graduate Teaching Assistants are not required to work on university holidays and are not expected to make up work hours missed for holidays. Additionally, Graduate Teaching Assistants are typically not expected to work when university classes are not in session, unless otherwise specified in their letter of appointment.
- Graduate Research Assistants and Graduate Assistants are expected to work in accordance with the information in their letter of appointment, which may specify requirements to work at specific times during the week or give scheduling authority to their supervisor.
- **All assistantships are 1-year appointments.** Based on job performance, academic standing/progression, and funding availability, graduate students may qualify for additional years of funding as specified by their department/school. For doctoral students, up to four years of support is typical. For master's students, appointments are typically limited to a single year, unless they are writing a thesis and have received prior approval from the department head/school director.
- Priority for assistantship appointments will be given to full-time students. Accordingly, there is a general expectation that graduate assistants will not hold outside employment. The department/school may, however, make exceptions in certain circumstances such as when the appointment is below 50% FTE. In all such cases, it is incumbent upon the appointing department/school to closely monitor the student's performance and academic progress.

• **Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology students** are expected to engage in research that results in publications, including publications from their dissertation. *Dissertation data that has not been published within one calendar year from the date of graduation can be submitted (by the chair of the dissertation committee) for publication without permission from the doctoral student, since the data is owned by Auburn University.*

## Research Activities

1. To find out what research School of Kinesiology faculty are conducting, visit this [website](#)

2. Need to make a conference presentation? See the appropriate person in the School of Kinesiology administrative offices for PowerPoint slide and poster format possibilities and talk to your mentor/advisor about printing the poster in the Auburn University Library
3. Need to get reimbursed for travel? See the appropriate person in the School of Kinesiology administrative offices
4. Interested in funding for travel? The School of Kinesiology provides Doctor of Philosophy students with \$750/year to present at conferences. This money is automatically deposited in students' bank accounts at the beginning of the academic year. The School of Kinesiology also provides Master of Science students with \$500/year to present conferences. This money is available upon request. In addition, funding is available through [College of Education Graduate Student Travel Awards](#). Funding may also be available from a Graduate Student Council Travel Fellowship (find Graduate Student Council among other campus organizations [here](#)).

### Information Technology Assistance

1. For general service request through the College of Education, click [here](#)
2. For general information, visit [Office of Information Technology](#)

### Miller Writing Center

For assistance writing, visit the [Miller Writing Center](#)

### Student Counseling and Psychological Services

For student counseling and psychological services, click [here](#)

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources

For diversity, equity, and inclusion resources, click [here](#). To learn how to report bias incidents, click [here](#).

### Graduate School Information

1. Visit the [Graduate School website](#) for information about
  - a. Academic Resources (Degree Completion Checklists, Electronic Thesis & Dissertation Guide, etc.)
  - b. Assistantships & Funding (Graduate Student Awards, Health Insurance Program, etc.)
  - c. Campus Resources & Organizations (Health & Wellness Resources, Office of Accessibility, Office of International Programs, etc.)
  - d. Quick Links (Graduate School Calendar, Graduate Student Handbook, etc.)

### Graduate and Professional Student Co-Curricular Activities

For graduate and professional student co-curricular activities, click [here](#).

### Graduate Student Council

The [Graduate Student Council](#) serves the unique needs of Auburn's graduate and professional students through a network of support and encouragement.

### School of Kinesiology Graduate Student Advisory Council

The purpose of the School of Kinesiology Graduate Student Advisory Council is to represent the graduate students in the Auburn University School of Kinesiology. The council strives to provide advocacy, ensure diversity and inclusive excellence, create a feeling of community belonging, encourage

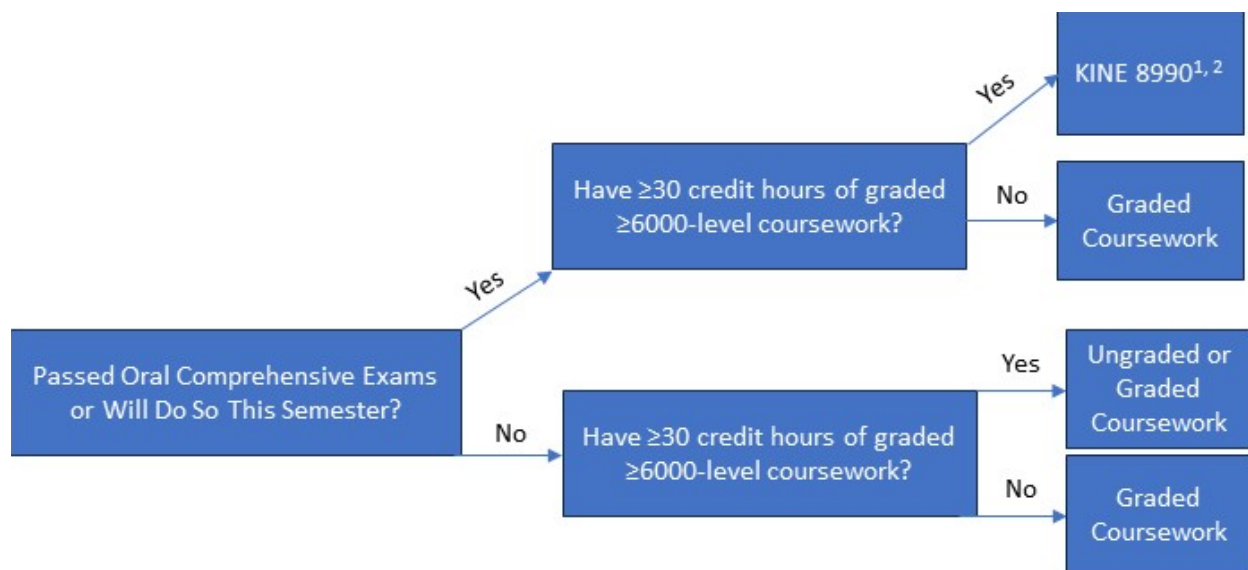
leadership and professional growth, and foster mental and physical wellness. Students interested in joining the council should contact the Assistant Director of the School of Kinesiology.

#### Questions or Concerns

To address questions or concerns, please see your advisor/mentor, the School of Kinesiology's graduate program officer, assistant director, director, or visit <https://studentaffairs.auburn.edu/complaint-concern/>.

## Appendix A

### Kinesiology Doctor of Philosophy Research-Based Coursework Decision Tree



#### No Paperwork Required

Graded Coursework		
Course	Credits	Repeatability
KINE 7910	1 – 3	≤6 credits
KINE 8300	3	No
KINE 8310	3	No
KINE 8320	3	No
KINE 8990	1 – 6	No
Ungraded Coursework		
Course	Credits	Repeatability
KINE 8910	1 – 3	≤9 credits
KINE 7980	1 – 3	≤6 credits

#### Paperwork Required

Ungraded Coursework		
Course	Credits	Repeatability
KINE 7900	1 – 3	≤9 credits
KINE 7930	1 – 6	≤6 credits
KINE 7960	1 – 3	≤3 credits
KINE 8900	1 – 3	≤9 credits
KINE 8920	1 – 10	≤10 credits
KINE 8930	1 – 10	≤10 credits
KINE 8940	1 – 10	≤10 credits
KINE 8960	1 – 3	≤3 credits

<sup>1</sup>Haven't passed oral comprehensive exams and need to be considered a full-time student? Register for 9 credits or register for <9 credits and GRAD 8AA0. Otherwise, register for 1 credit.

<sup>2</sup>Graduating this semester? Ensure that you have completed a total of ≥10 credits.